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Dunn-Coleman et al.	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Serial No. 09/991,209	)	
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Filed: November 16, 2001	)	
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For: Manipulation of the Phenolic Acid Content	)	
and Digestibility of Plant Cell Walls by	)	
Targeted Expression of Genes Encoding Cell	)	
Wall Degrading Enzymes	)	

Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

In the drawings:

Please replace Figures 45A-H with new Figures 45A-H.

In the specification:

On page 4, please replace the paragraph starting on line 4 with the following:

CI<sup>1</sup>  
Figures 2 A-E illustrate the complete DNA (SEQ. ID NO:1), with highlighting to point out the signal sequence, intron and various restriction endonuclease sites, and amino acid sequence (SEQ. ID. NO:2) corresponding to the gene encoding the 38 kD ferulic acid esterase isolated from *Aspergillus niger*.

On page 4, please replace the paragraph starting on line 9 with the following: